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Serial No. 10/693,995
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REMARKS

The present response does not add, amend, or cancel any claims. Accordingly, claims 2-4 remain pending in the application.

In the Office Action of July 3, 2006, claims 2 and 3 were rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 10, respectively, of U.S. Patent 6,661,397 issued to Mikami et al. ("Mikami"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner's indication that claim 4 would be allowable, if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, is noted with appreciation.

Concurrently submitted herewith, is a Terminal Disclaimer showing common ownership with U.S. Patent 6,661,397 which is intended to resolve any non-statutory obviousness type double patenting issues.

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that claims 2 and 3 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 4 depends from independent claim 2, and is now also believed to be in condition for allowance.

For the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is believed in order, and courteously solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are any matters which can be resolved by way of either a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

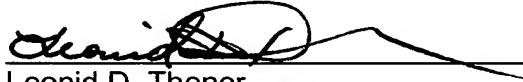


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AUTHORIZATION

Applicants request any shortage or excess in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, and for which no other form of payment is offered, be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.40567CX1).

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